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by deleting all of the language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63-6-219, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

() In the event that a peer review committee has the authority to sanction a physician or otherwise reduce, suspend, or terminate a physician's hospital medical staff privileges, then such committee shall, thirty (30) calendar days prior to the convening by the committee of any required hearing on the matter, provide the physician with a copy of all documents and any evidence in the committee's possession that relates to the subject matter being heard.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-219, is amended by adding the following language at the end of subdivision (d)(1):

Physician health peer review programs also shall have immunity from liability for damages for providing mental and physical health support and referral services to immediate and extended family members of current or formerly impaired physicians.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63-6-219, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

() If any provision of the Tennessee Peer Review Act of 1967 or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63-6-219(e), is amended in the second sentence by deleting the language “communication subject to the laws pertaining to the attorney-client privilege”.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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